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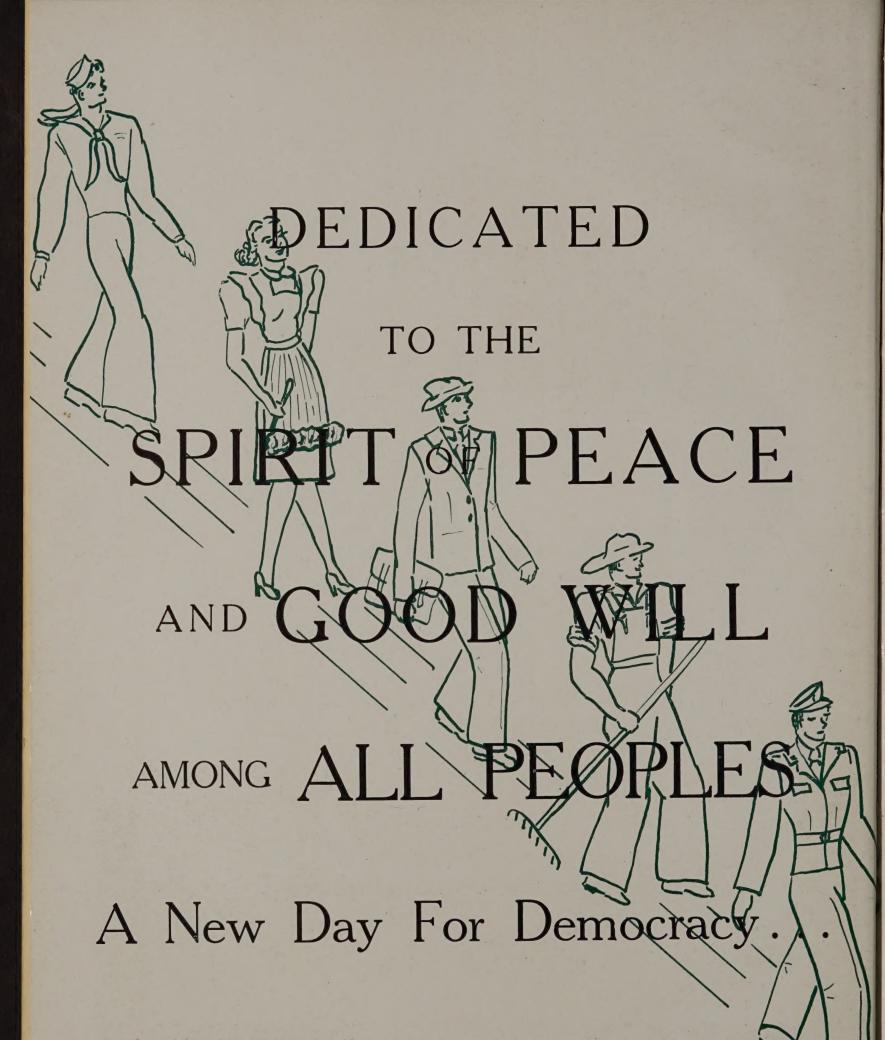
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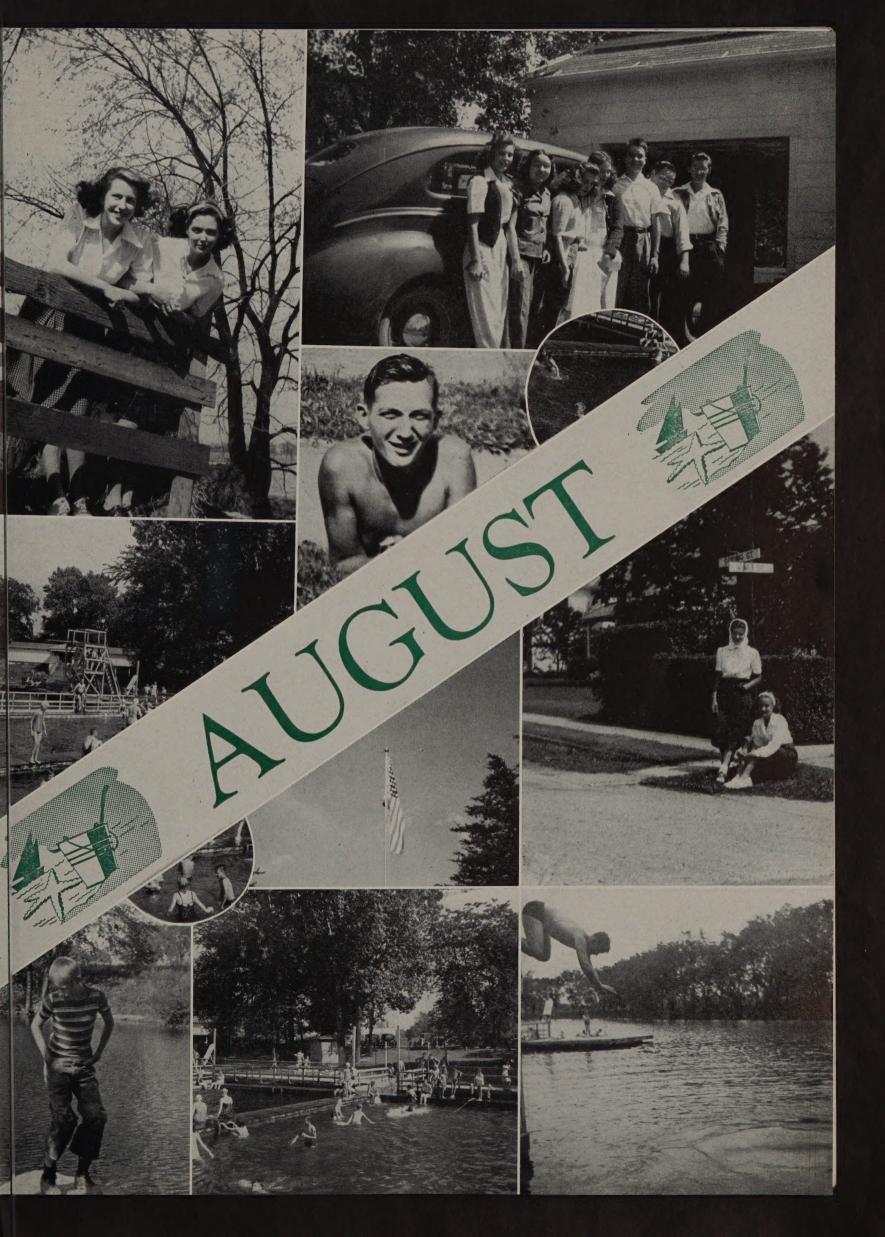
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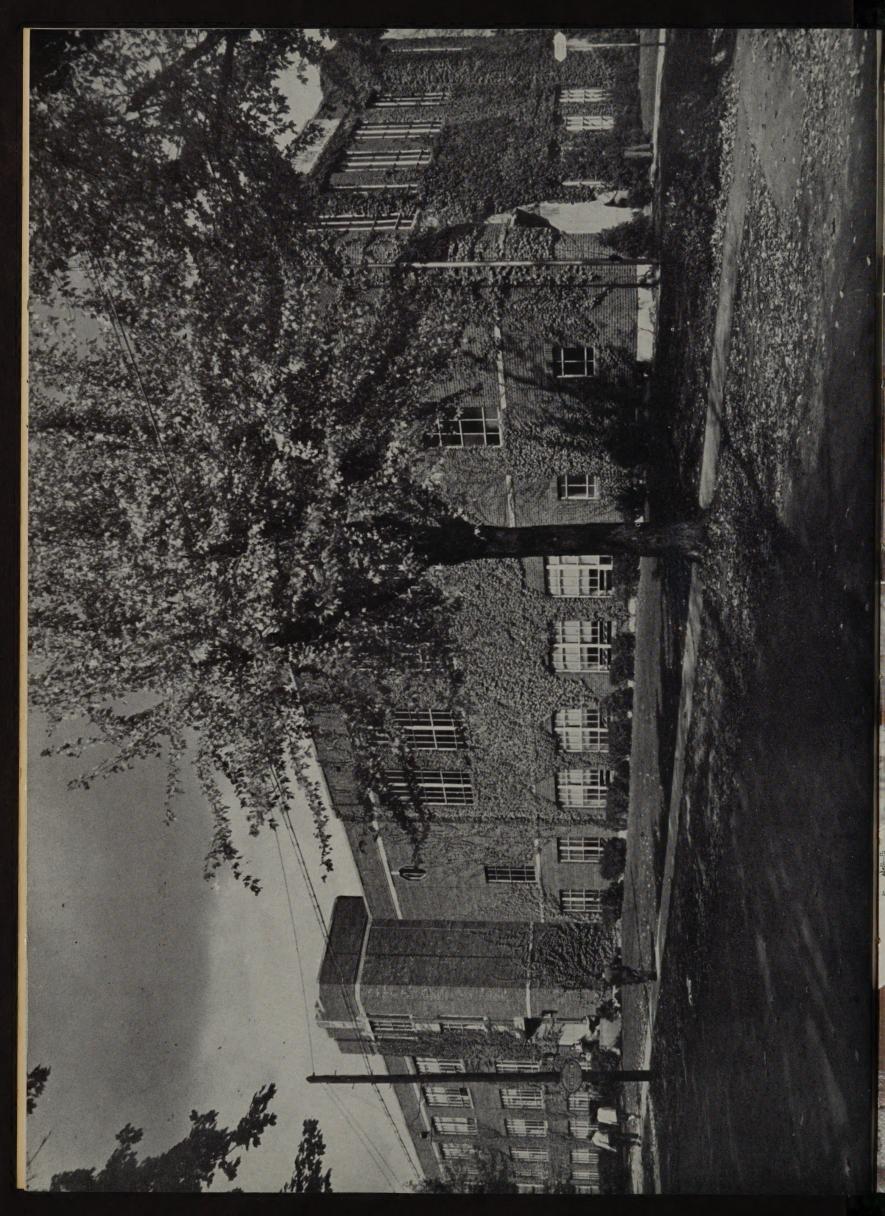
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IN THIS BOOK YOU WILL FIND

- I A chronological account of activities Bluffton High School from the day of Peace to the day our seniors embarked on a new course in their journey.
- II Photographs of your friends and classmates at work and play.
- III The names of those who by their financial contribution assisted in the publicaof this memoir.









SEPTEMBER

- 4 1st day of school. Those poor ignorant little guinea pigs. Just like lambs to the slaughter.
- 10 Practice football game with Mt. Cory. Do they have to play that rough? There they've gone and have taken another chip off Cuby's nose.
- 14 Football game, Kenton, there. Not bad, not bad at all.
- 21 Game, Ada, here. Grandma, that's a referee not a convict. I know, but those stripes don't mean a thing.
- 24 Teacher's Picnic. First course, papers, so they would not have to grade them. Candy bars that Bobo was going to eat in English class.
- 27 Assembly. Now children this is going to be a very exciting and help-ful year, quoth the vulture.
- 28 Game, Pandora, here. Poured cats and dogs. Pretty fair business selling hot dogs. Just call us the mud hens.

End of first month of school. Seventh graders decided to go back to grade school.



SEVENTH GRADE

On September the fourth, nineteen forty-five, we found ourselves wandering around in a strange new atmosphere wondering how long it would take us to get into the swing of it all. But very soon we were copying after the classes that had been before us by electing, for the first time, class officers. James Badertscher was voted to be our first class President; William Augsburger came second according to votes so we made him our Vice-President; and last but not least we elected Ruth Anna Lee to be our Secretary and Treasurer. Then we had a Thanksgiving party and also a party this spring.

Some of us play musical instruments in the Junior Orchestra and some play in the Band. Blue Triangle claims some of our girls as members, and a few in the class belong to the 4-H Club.

More than one-half of the students in our class took an active part in the games that were played in the gymnasium during the noon hour.

With Miss Steiner as our advisor, we feel very much a part of this B. H. S.



Third Row-Mary Dunbar, Eugene Kohler, John Triplehorn, Maryln Holtkamp, Melvin Marquart,

John Bohn, Jackie Weyer, Eilene Mathewson.

Second Row—Donald Oates, Carol Sechler, Margaret Stratton, Dale Risser, Louise Reichenbach, Barbara Lewis, Ann Basinger, Billy Augsburger, Ruth Anna Lee, Dorothy Leiber.

First Row—Leland Garmatter, Charles Shumaker, Lynn Carmack, Mildred Tenney, Carolyn Steiner, Joan Monthgomery, Ruth Clevenger, Genevieve Burkholder, Arvin Spence, David Hofstetter, James Badertscher.



EIGHTH GRADE



Third Row—Roderick Balmer, Alden Bohn, Dwight Hauenstein, John Dillman, Donald E. Burkholder, Weldon Geiger, Lowell Amstutz, Larry Mathewson, John Baumann, Paul Pursell, Don Schmidt, Eugene Hankish.

Eugene Hankish.

Second Row—Mickey Gleason, Dwayne Hauenstein, Donald Shumaker, Ada Mae Oyer, Carolyn Matter, Cleo Diller, Charleen Miller, Wanda Hochstettler, Josephine Augsburger, Imojean Klass, Carla Shumacher, Peggy Bauman, Kay Berry, Raelene Campbell, Dorothy Hardwick, Eileen Brauen.

First Row—George Grismore, Richard Steiner, Rosella Moser, Peggy Young, Sara Badertscher, Lena Preto, Donald H. Burkholder, Elwood Brauen, Donald Kuhn, Marilyn Amstutz, June Habegger, Dorothy Amstutz, Mary Ramseyer, Jane Risser, Willa Hilty, Edgar Wenger, Roger Lehman.



As our second year in this high school building draws to an end, we are becoming more interested in the opportunities offered us. Athletics, music, and the different clubs and organizations claim many members from our class.

To show that we are athletically inclined, both, girls and boys in our class played in the intramural basketball teams and many of the other games that were played during the noon hours.

Musically, we show our ability by playing instruments in Band and in Junior Orchestra.

Some of our girls take an active part in Blue Triangle. A number of our boys belong to the Boy Scouts. Two classmates are reporters for the Cutlass.

Richard Steiner, our class President, and Carla Schumacher, Treasurer, have planned three class parties which we all enjoyed. The first one was a Halloween Party in Willa Hilty's barn, the next was one in the gymnasium, and the last was an outdoor party.

Miss Weed has been our helpful advisor.



Calendar



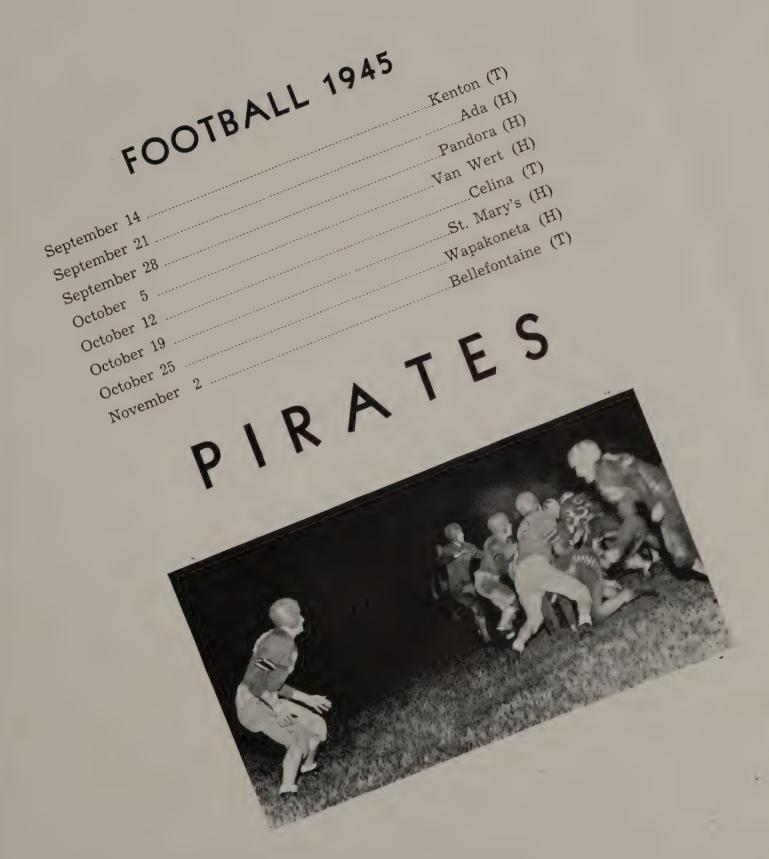
OCTOBER

- 4 Ottawa Fair. Dick and Phyl hooked a ride. Lost all my money betting on Schaherazadi. That screwy horse always came in trailing behind.
- 5 Game, Van Wert, here. They started to play football using Minny as the football. Were they big brutes.
- 9 Southernaires presented under the auspices of Bluffton College. Very good.
- 12 Game, Celina, there. Scrambled eggs look much more appetizing.
- 16 Harry C. White, flashing about a black light certainly made everybody's teeth very white. They must have been using Colgate's.
- 17 Grade Cards. Oh! creepers, jeepers, oooh, blackout!
- 19 Game, St. Marys, here. Super band.
- 23 Junior and senior pictures taken. What a homely birdie. Now can I take the smile off my face?
- 24 Assembly. The junior high kids squealing with delight at anything not in the least funny to the seniors. We've definitely grown up.



25 Game, Wapak, here. Nice game. It just rained.

End of second month of school. Not as bad as you thought it would be.



1945 RESERVES



Top Row—Lee Hursey, Bernard Fish, Ralph Dunifon, Ray Lee Wilch, Dean Sommer, Keith Kirtland. Bottom Row—Coach Burcky, Allen Burkholder, Larry Miller, Kenneth Bracy, Arthur Hilty, Ronald Diller.

THE SEASON

BLUFFTON HIGH GRIDDERS SPILL KENTON 12-0 in opening game. First touchdown was made on the kickoff by Swank. Basinger then made 2nd touchdown by a pass from Fisher.

BLUFFTON PIRATES TROUNCE ADA 19-0 Moser making the first touchdown. Swank passed to Smucker for second one. Swank kicked extra point. Basinger scored 3rd touchdown.

PANDORA DEFEATS BLUFFTON 6-0. Early in 1st quarter Cook of Pandora blocked a Bluffton kick which resulted in a Pandora touchdown by Lehman. The rest of the game was played in a downpour of rain.

VAN WERT COUGARS SHOW POWER IN 25-0 VICTORY OVER BLUFFTON PIRATES. The Cougars scored in each of the quarters and added an extra point.

BLUFFTON SCORES EARLY TO BEAT CELINA 21-0. Moser scored first touchdown. Swank passed to Lewis for second score. Both were scored in first quarter. In last quarter Moser again scored. Swank kicked all three conversions.

ST. MARY'S TROUNCES BLUFFTON 25-0. Huwer from St. Mary's scored 3 of their touchdowns and Vanderhorst scored the other one. One extra point was made.

BLUFFTON HIGH LOSES TO WAPAKONETA 14-0. Wapak scored both touchdowns in 1st half. Thereafter the Pirates held and even got to the Wapak 1 yard line but failed to score.

BELLEFONTAINE WALLOPS BLUFFTON 6-0. Bellefontaine after gaining ground on exchange of punts finally crossed the Pirates goal line. Swank did not play because of a leg injury.





Mary Louise Balmer, Joan Clark, Maryln Holtkamp.

DRUM MAJORETTES

High stepping and vivacious majorettes have led the way for the band during the past year. Until a few years ago there was just one majorette. Now the band has three; a junior, eighth grader and a seventh grader. They have performed at a few games showing off their baton twirling and other acrobatic maneuvers. The bright colors of the band and majorettes has lent a spirit of victory for the past year.

CHEER LEADERS

The cheerleaders of Bluffton High have been very peppy and colorful this year. Our male cheerleader has given us some comical but good yells and actions. Our cheerleaders have done a good job of keeping up the morale of the team as well as that of the students.

We wish to thank these cheerleaders for the prompt and excellent service they have given for the past year. Good luck to the cheerleaders to come.

Alice Schmidt, Charles Stonehill, Peggy Martin.

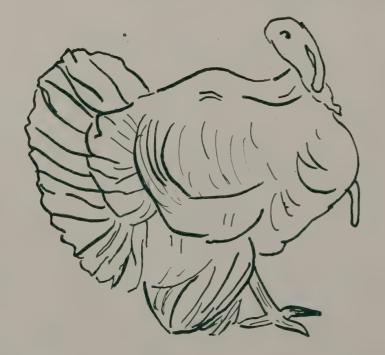






NOVEMBER

- 5 Basketball practice begins. Coach begins laying down the rules and the guys sit down. The age of strikes.
- 8 Alonzo W. Pond, illustrated lecturer on deepest Africa. Beginning to think a woman would have a chance there.
- 13 Seventh Grade Party. Lynn Carmack and Maggie Dunbar hitting it off. Papa Carmack no like um.
- 15 Assembly Program. The movie "Laddie" was shown. Skipper Soldner simply shed buckets. When will the men learn to give the lady a hanky.
- Hunting. Nothing but field mice around and they were sort of cheesy. Squirrly managed to shoot down a few, don't ask me what.
- 20 Ohio State Psychological Test. We all went down to Toledo after that.
- 21 High School Party—Thanksgiving and were we thankful that week was over.
- 22 No school. Thank goodness. Needed a vacation after that party.



- 23 More vacation. Needed that after the turkey. We should have more thanksgiving days.
- 29 Grade Cards. I won't look, I won't do it. Aw! that's not fair, you peeked. What will Pop say?!
- 30 Basketball game, Rawson, here. Wonderful game. Barbara Butler just adored the blonde she sat next to.

STUDENT SENATE



Second Row—Bonnie Grismore, Phyllis Marquart, Dean Sommer, Stanley Bohn, Harold Hartman, John Althaus, Hubert Basinger, Alice Ruth Pannabecker, Betty Bixel.

First Row—Paul Steiner, Mary Louise Dean, Ann McGinnis, Robert Ramseyer, Ferol Althaus, Helen Burkholder, David Stearns.

Bluffton High School is a democracy within a democracy and a good example of this is the Student Senate.

Membership of the Senate is consisted of leaders of the different organizations and classes of the school. In this way all the school organizations are very well represented.

The Senate has many duties to perform throughout the year. Among these are choosing a chapel committee, granting concessions for basketball and football games, and arranging for high school parties throughout the year. This year the Senate scheduled one party for every month.

The Senate is one of the most important organizations in the school. It is run by parliamentary procedure and thus affords additional training for its members.

President—Robert Ramseyer

Vice-President—Mary Lou Dean

Secretary-Treasurer—Paul Steiner

Advisor-Mr. Buhler

NINTH GRADE

After attending the High School building for three school years the Freshman class is proving to its Alma Mater what a true asset it really can be. They are contributing much in the line of sports and high school activities.

Some of the boys are beginning to take interest in football and basketball. Others belong to the very worthy organization, The Boy Scouts of America.

A number of boys and girls from this class have shown their ability for music by joining the Glee Clubs.

Blue Triangle has claimed many of the girls as active members and also one as their president for this past year.

A social event which everyone enjoyed was a hay ride at the beginning of the year.

Miss Keel was the competent advisor for this year and the class officers were as follows:

President—Dean Sommer

Secretary—Treva Althaus

Vice-President—Marilyn Moore Treasurer—Anita Althaus





Third Row—Robert Niswander, Wilford Diller, Samuel Buhler, Bernard Fish, Lee Hursey, Ralph Dunifon, David Basinger, Ernest Basinger, Robert Bixel, James Strunk.

Second Row—Bill Burcky, Peggy Balmer, Janette Finton, Nancy Frankhauser, Sara Bracy, Anita Althaus, Dean Sommer, Ray Lee Wilch, Roger Linden.

First Row—Marvin Bronson, Marlene Berry, Darlyn Garmatter, Beatrice Leiber, Lois Lehman, Treva Althaus, Susanna Kempf, Lois Marquart, Jo Haller, Marilyn Moore, Patricia Stager, Colletta, Badertscher, Los Goodman. Colletta Badertscher, Joe Goodman.

TENTH GRADE



Fourth Row—Donald Herr, James Ewing, Gerald Spence, Stanley Bohn, Ronald Diller, James Howe, Keith Moore, John Klay, Kenneth Bracy, Burl Moyer.

Third Row—Mary Schmidt, Betty Roush, Dora Luginbuhl, Helen Zuercher, Mary Ann Rockey, Edith Zuercher, Harriet Burkhart, Barbara Butler, Mary Ann Smucker, Mary Jane Burkholder, Maxine Criblez, Marilyn Fett, Allen Tschiegg.

Second Row—Wade Oberly, Maurice Garmatter, Earl Hauenstein, Luke Lugibihl, Allen Burkholder, Theodore Bauman, Theodore Kohli, Richard Kohler, Norman White, Addison Myers, Earl Frick Ralph Stager

Frick, Ralph Stager.
First Row—Peggy Eckenwiler, Esther Lugibihl, Marilyn Stratton, Jean Burkholder, Norma Badertscher, Wanda Niswander, Norma Klapp, Lois Hauenstein, Ceacle Potee.







Ever since that first day when the Sophomores, then Seventh Graders, rushed into high school, they have shown their ability in athletics and scholarship. As for evidence of the athletically inclined, we have members in basketball, football, and G. A. A. Others enjoy activities of A Capella, band, and orchestra. We even have a Sophomore Quartette.

Some of the girls are active members of G. R. and H. E. R. helping on committees and taking part in programs. The boys are in various clubs such as Hi-Y and F. F. A.

With Mr. Howe, our advisor, and our officers Stanley Bohn, President; Mary Jane Burkholder, Vice-President; James Ewing, Secretary and Treasurer; we have enjoyed attending the class parties they have planned for us.

Summing up all these things proves they are great assets to Bluffton High School.

GIRLS' ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION

The Girls' Athletic Association is composed of girls in high school who are interested in sports. Its purpose is to aid girls in developing more skill and better sportsmanship.

Any girl in the upper four grades is eligible for membership and all are invited to join. The G. A. A. sponsors the girls' intramurals. These include softball, kickball, volleyball, basketball, table tennis, shuffleboard and badminton. Points are given to members for playing these games. Points may also be obtained for bicycling, skating, hiking and other sports. When a girl acquires 1000 points, she may apply for a red chenille letter "B".

This year the G. A. A. has also played the girls' organizations of Ada High School, Triplett Electrical Instrument Company and Bluffton College. Under the able leadership of Miss Steiner and its officers the G. A. A. has had a very active year.

President—Bonnie Grismore

Vice-President—Mary Lou Dean

Secretary-Treasurer—Marilyn Fett

Advisor—Miss Steiner



Third Row—Peggy Martin, Alice Ruth Pannabecker, Mary Schmidt, Joanne Buhler, Imogene Wenger, Colleen Goodman, Joan Burkholder, Patsy Schmidt.

Second Row—Phyllis Hardwick, Mary Jane Burkholder, Mary Jane Garmatter, Margaret Groman, Jean Burkholder, Esther Lugibihl, June Sechler, Louise Soldner.

First Row—Joan Clark, Mary Lou Dean, Bonnie Grismore, Marilyn Fett.





DECEMBER

- 3 The Kilties. Huba, Huba, Ah men!
- 4 "Best Foot Forward", Junior Play, Martin having a hard time with that dress!
- 5 "Best Foot Forward", Second run and how it drew the flies. Ouch!
- 8 District Girl Reserve Conference. Smucker just had to practice his trumpet that day. Lot of pretty girls.
- 9 Christmas Vespers. All quiet and solemn now.
- 11 Game, Lima South, there. Just beat by a few points.
- 14 Game, Ada, here. Quite a game. They have real peppy cheerleaders.
- 17 Teachers' Association Christmas Party. Didn't know teachers could get into a party atmosphere. One never knows. Does one?!
- 18 Game, Lima St. John, here. Minny was rather tiny towards the giant St. Johns had.
- 19 G. R., Hi-Y Christmas Carolling. Not many showed up, but the car wasn't crowded, just thirteen in one car.
- 21 Christmas Assembly. Gave a Christmas play. "Cut" just hates to be Papa all the time. Vacation at last. Finally we all caught up on our much needed sleep. Santa didn't forget.

THE JUNIOR CLASS

Almost seniors . . . already! It seems only a short time ago that we entered this building. One more year . . . then we'll be leaving, but we will never leave its vivid and pleasant memories.

Each of our fifty-three class members have contributed in some way to the various high school activities. Some of our "lads and lassies," take an active part in athletics, others being musically inclined star in that field. A few from our group are excellent scholars. But all these activities do not occupy all our time. We also belong to the various school organizations, members of Cutlass staff, and even two class-mates are cheerleaders.

During the past year our class successfully presented a comedy, "Best Foot Forward." We also sponsored an all high school party.

The junior-senior prom held a major position in the year's calendar. Who can forget the gala evening with all the pleasant and surprising moments? Thanks again Mr. Geiger and Mr. Burcky for your co-operation.

Officers for this year were Helen Burkholder, President; Michael Reagan, Vice-President; Eleanor Linden, Secretary and Treasurer.

Next September we "jolly juniors" will fill the places of this year's seniors. We look forward to "1947" as another new and memorable year.



Top Row—Ray Crouse, Mary K. Bauman, Rolland Luginbuhl, Don Fritche, Michael Reagan, Eldon Beery, Eleanor Linden.

Second Row—Sara Mae Oberly, Malcolm Basinger, June Sechler, Keith Kirtland, Joan Burkholder, Marjorie Klay, Joan Clark.

Third Row---Keith Brauen, Almeda Fenn, Maynard Pogue, Lucille Bauman, Robert Wilch, Wanda Tschiegg, Jean Anne Burcky.

Bottom Row—Paul Don Bixel, Sara Jane Huser, Lyman Hofstetter, Morris Groman, Louise Johnson, Esther Kohler, Harry Criblez.

THE JUNIORS

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Top Row—Pauline Pursell, Patricia Schmidt, Emerson Baldwin, Alice Schmidt, Wayne Sommer, Carl Frick, Kent Stonehill.

Second Row—Helen Burkholder, Joanne Harmon, Harriet Amstutz, Catherine Bohn, Robert Fisher, Wanda Lehman, Betty Bixel.

Third Row—Joanne Buhler, Alice Ruth Pannabecker, Richard Kuhn, Colleen Goodman, John Althaus, Ruth Finton, Larry Miller.

Bottom Row—James Messinger, Bonnie Grismore, Robert Coon, Imogene Wenger, Peggy Martin, James Lewis, William Haller.



Twenty-seven



Fourth Row—Joanne Buhler, James Lewis, Malcolm Basinger, Morris Groman, Wayne Sommer, Rolland Luginbuhl, Richard Kuhn, John Althaus.

Third Row—Robert Fisher, Ruth Finton, Catherine Bohn, Patsy Schmidt, Harriet Amstutz, Almeda Fenn, Sara Jane Huser, Don Fritchie, Paul Don Bixel.

Second Row—June Sechler, Eleanor Linden, Joan Burkholder, Imogene Wenger, Alice Ruth Pannabecker, Mary Kathryn Bauman, Wanda Tschiegg.

First Row—Joan Clark, Betty Bixel, Helen Burkholder, Peggy Martin, Colleen Goodman, Alice Schmidt, Jean Ann Burcky.

BEST FOOT FORWARD



JUNIOR CLASS PLAY

"Best Foot Forward," long a hit on the New York stage, was chosen as the Junior class play.

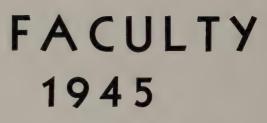
The play centers around the girl troubles of Bud Hooper, student at Winsocki Prep. He writes a note to Gale Joy, movie star, asking her for an autographed picture and inviting her to the school's Senior prom. Much to his surprise she accepts. Bud ditches his other date, Helen Schlessinger, but at the last moment she turns up putting Bud most definitely on the spot. However, with the help of his roommates, Bud gets things straightened out. Gale gets her publicity, the only thing she came for and the honor of Winsocki Prep. is preserved.

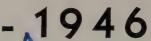
The cast was as follows:

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Dutch Miller	James Lewis
Hunk Hoyt	
Satchel Moyer	Wayne Sommer
Chuck Green	Paul Don Bixel
Dr. Reeler	Morris Groman
Old Grad	Rolland Luginbuhl
Minerva	Jean Ann Burcky
	Imogene Wenger
Ethel	
	Joanne Buhler
Miss Delaware Water Gap	Almeda Fenn
	Pat Schmidt
The Blind Date	
	Colleen Goodman
Bud Hooper	
Miss Lloyd	
	Alice Pannabecker
Gale Joy	Peggy Martin
Table III amounted	Helen Burkholder
Jack Haggerty	
Chester Billings	
Holon Cohlonia son	Dick Kuhn
Helen Schlessinger	
Miss Smith	Betty Bixel
Wiss Silliui	Mary K. Bauman Catherine Bohn
Prom Guests	
	Sara Jane Huser
	Harriet Amstutz
	Wanda Tschiegg
	Ruth Finton



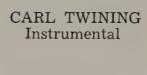
MABEL LANTZ Art M. Lantz







MILDRED KEEL Languages







THERESA SLUSSER Social Science Theresa Shrsser



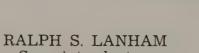
WILBUR HOWE English, Social Science

WILFORD GEIGER Science



HARRIET BRATE Music

SIDNEY STETTLER Mathematics







Superintendent R.S. Lawham



OCIE ANDERSON Librarian



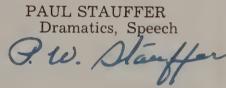
GERHARD BUHLER Principal



HARRY BARNES Agriculture



FLORENCE DUFFIELD Commercial



ANDREW BURCKY Physical Education



DONNA HAGERMAN Secretary



DWIGHT SPAYTHE Industrial Arts



THE HI-Y



Fourth Row—Lyman Hofstetter, John Bracy, Donivan Augsburger, Robert Stalter, Morris Groman, James Lewis, James Howe, Harry Klay, Harold Hartman, Ronald Diller, John Klay

Third Row—Donald Herr, Allen Burkholder, James Ewing, Keith Brauen, Richard Kuhn, James Harmon, Richard Minck, Kenneth Bracy, Stanley Bohn.

Second Row—Theodore Bauman, Theodore Kohli, Richard Kohler, Luke Luginbuhl, Kenneth Moser, David Frick, Allen Tschiegg, Maurice Garmatter, Addison Myers, Earl Frick.

First Row—John Lugibihl, Leonard Smucker, Paul Steiner, John Althaus, Robert Ramseyer, Malcolm Basinger, David Stearns, Dale Berryhill, Paul Don Bixel.



The Hi-Y club has been very active this year, with the largest membership in recent years. The club sent money for European relief and has purchased a clock for the Gymnasium.

This year the club sponsored an all High School Father and Son Banquet. Dr. Bushong, head of the Lima State Hospital, was the speaker. The banquet was enjoyed by all the fellows and dads there.

The Hi-Y held a magazine sale again this year. This was the most successful sale ever held in this school. The club is planning to use the profits for some worthy cause.

Leonard Smucker and Bob Ramseyer represented the club at Camp Nelson Dodd. David Stearns, Leonard Smucker, Mr. Buhler, and Bob Ramseyer attended the State Hi-Y Conference at Columbus.

"To create, maintain, and extend throughout the school and community, high standards of Christian character," is the Hi-Y code and the club tries to live up to this.

Vice-President—John Althaus President—Bob Ramseyer Sec'y-Treas.—Leonard Šmucker Program Chairman—David Stearns Devotional Chairman—Paul Steiner Social Chairman—Malcolm Basinger Advisor—Gerhard Buhler

VICTORY BOND COUNCIL

The '46 Victory Bond Council composed of three students and under the direction of Miss Duffield, strove to promote the sale of Victory Bonds and Stamps within the school system by the use of extensive publicity and persistent solicitation.

While the main object of the Council was to sell as many Victory Bonds as possible, considerable endeavor was directed toward the sale of 10c, 25c, and 50c, stamps to encourage the thrifty saving of money leading to the purchase of bonds.

Each Thursday, during the third period, the Council members went to the different rooms in the school and solicited the students for the sale of bonds and stamps. After the entire school had been canvassed, one of the members would take a list of the sales to the local postoffice and purchase the bonds and stamps and deliver them to the students who had purchased them.

Due to the end of the war and to the approach of Christmas public spending for bonds and stamps declined until, in the month of December, the Victory Bond Council decided to discontinue.

BUY BONDS FOR SAVINGS



David Stearns, Joan Buhler, Donivan Augsburger.

THE PALETTE CLUB



Second Row—Joanne Harmon, Helen Burkholder, Jean Burkholder, Betty Bixel, Marilyn Stratton, Barbara Butler. First Row—Mary Kathryn Bauman, Joan Clark, Mary Ann Smucker.

This year has been a very interesting and profitable one for the art club, and we have had many good times. The meetings have included a scavenger hunt, the annual Christmas party at Mrs. Lantz's home, a visit to Mr. Klassen's art studio, and a theater party.

But good times are not the only purpose of the club. We have also done several projects. The most important of these was the packing of gift boxes for children in Europe. Members of the club collected donations from the students and the business men of the town and packed these articles for shipment overseas.

We also sold refreshments at a basketball game to raise money for a set of display cases for the school. When these cases are constructed, they will be kept filled with students' art work. In this way the students and townspeople will be able to see what the art department is doing.

During this year we have chosen pins for the club. The pins are in the shape of a palette. Anyone who has been in the club one year is eligible to wear a pin.

Our aim is to make art more vital in our daily life and in our community.







JANUARY

- 4 Game, Celina, here. Found a man who can smile when he makes a foul. 77.
- 8 Assembly. Howe snoring again. He better use a nose stopper the next time.
- 9 High School Party. Something wrong with the legs, girls? They kept bobbing up and down as they spoke their little pieces.
- 11 Game, Kenton, here. Were we mad, seems like those refs can make us sooooooo mad.
- 16 Exams. We all stayed up till practically morning just studying and still we get C's. Didn't do enough apple-polishing.
- 18 They're all over. The teachers are simply dead! Ha!!
- 22 Grade Cards. Period!



- 24 Farmer's Institute. Had to sit another two hours learning how not to farm.
- 25 Game, Bellefontaine. We enjoyed the ride anyway. Score 39-37.
- 29 Game, Pandora, there. "##" \$#%'—&%&&\$(!!!
- 30 End of a terrific month.



Sitting: Waldo Niswander, Ralph Lanham, Leland Diller, John Tosh. Standing: Ralph Badertscher, Waldo Hofstetter, Levi Althaus.

BOARD OF EDUCATION 1 9 4 6

Sitting; Waldo Hofstetter, Donivan Conrad, Levi Althaus, James West. Standing: Ralph Lanham, Paul Diller, Leland Diller.



THE BASKETBALL SQUAD



Third Row—Don Schmidt, Richard Steiner, Coach Burcky, Stanley Bohn, Theodore Bauman, Robert Niswander, Bill Burcky, Roger Linden, Ray Lee Wilch.

Second Row—Kenneth Bracy, Robert Wilch, Keith Moore, James Lewis, Wayne Sommer, Kent Stonehill, Michael Reagan, Maynard Pogue, Keith Kirtland.

First Row—Harold Hartman, Leonard Smucker, Harry Klay, Robert Lee, Kenneth Moser, John Althaus, Arthur Hilty, James Howe, Hubert Basinger.

Coach Burcky, with a squad of twenty-three players, had his hands upon a host of material. From this squad of men a Varsity and Reserve team had to be picked. It was not an easy task but our coach did a fine job of it.

On November 30th the Pirates pried the lid open on their 1945-46 Basketball season, a season which proved to be full of thrills, heart breaks, and speculations.

Rawson provided their first opposition and they proved to be of no match to the Pirates so they fell by the wayside.

The following week found the strong improving Pirates pitted against Lima St. Rose. Again the Pirates came through in great style.

After winning their first two starts, the Pirates suffered their first defeat at the hands of a classy Lima South team. Although it was a nip and tuck affair all the way, the Pirates entered the win column by defeating Ada. Once more the Pirates seemed destined for a very successful season.

But at the Ada game the Pirates started their campaign in the Mid-West League, consisting entirely of class A schools.

The Pirates soon found that this going was very rugged and that this was one of the years that they would not be in the running.

Although the Pirates lost all six of their league games, they made a very creditable showing as some of these games were lost only by a 2 to 5 point margin.

Then came the Tourney at Ada. As before, the Pirates drew the outstanding team of the Tourney, Hicksville. The Pirates exhibited one of their best performances in this game and with a little luck could have won, but luck was against them.

After losing to Hicksville the Pirates played Lima St. John, a team that early in the year had handed the Pirates their worst defeat.

But this game proved to be different, as all through the game the outcome of it was in doubt. Not until the final gun sounded, was the winner decided.

So the Pirates closed their season with a record of four wins and twelve losses. They weren't too discouraged but resolved to do better in the 1946-1947 season. So let us all do our part in backing our team and coach to the limit.



FUTURE FARMERS OF AMERICA

The Future Farmers of America is a national organization that is composed of boys enrolled in Vocational Agriculture.

Its aims are:

- 1. To develop leadership.
- 2. To strengthen the confidence of farm boys in their work.
- 3. To develop character.
- 4. To participate in cooperative effort.
- 5. To encourage improvement in scholarship.

The boys are required to be enrolled in Vocational Agriculture, to have projects and to keep a record of them. By keeping records the boys learn to further and better their future in agriculture.

Outside of class they enter into various activities. A few of these are Parliamentary Procedure Contests, Judging Contests and Pest Hunts.

Meetings are held once a month in the Agriculture room with regular parliamentary form along with opening and closing ceremonies.

President—John Althaus Secretary—Robert Lee Sentinel—Luke Lugibihl Vice-President—Marion Criblez Treasurer—Keith Brauen Reporter—James Ewing

F. F. A.



Second Row—John Althaus, Keith Brauen, Robert Lee, Keith Moore, James Messinger, Karl Basinger, Eldon Beery.

First Row—Mr. Barnes, Earl Hauenstein, Luke Lugibuhl, Ernest Basinger, Harry Criblez, James Ewing, Allen Burkholder, Harry Burkholder, Maurice Garmatter.

HOME ECONOMICS RECRUITS



Third Row—Treva Althaus, Norma Badertscher, Lois Marquart, Marilyn Moore, Darlyn Garmatter, Jo Haller, Patsy Schmidt, Edith Zuercher, Helen Zuercher, Alice Schmidt, Mary Ann Rockey.

Second Row—Ceacle Potee, Anita Althaus, Sara Bracy, Ruth Finton, Marlene Berry, Peggy Balmer, Colletta Badertscher, Betty Roush, Mary Schmidt, Esther Kohler, Susanna Kempf

Kohler, Susanna Kempf.
First Row—Louise Soldner, Beatrice Leiber, Mary Jane Garmatter, Ferol Althaus, June Hauenstein, Louise Johnson, Lois Harris.

H. E. R.

No girl who has belonged to H. E. R. will ever regret those unforgetable times that the Home Economics Recruits have had. Under the competent leadership of Miss Weed, we have had many interesting meetings, both social and business.

The girls have earned money by serving at banquets, selling at games, holding bake sales, and baking for the cafeteria. This money was used for a trip at the end of the year and for drapes for the Home Economics Department.

In February, the group sponsored an all school Valentine Party. They have enjoyed, during the year, a skating party, pot luck supper, and a theater party. In October they worked with the G. R. on a Halloween Carnival.

A point system was used in all events requiring attendance work by H. E. R. members. This determines who can go on the trip.

We have had swell times together this year and it has been a successful year. We wish the future Home Economic Recruits the Best of Luck!

President—Ferol Althaus

Vice-President—Mary J. Garmatter

Secretary—Louise Johnson

Treasurer—June Hauenstein

Historian—Beatrice Leiber

THE CUTLASS



Fourth Row—Ray Follas, William Haller, Kenneth Moser, Stanley Bohn, James Ewing, Leonard Smucker, James Lewis, James Howe, Maynard Pogue, Roderick Balmer, Addison Myers. Third Row—Donivan Augsburger, Richard Kuhn, John Bracy, Robert Stalter, Mary Jane Garmatter. Elmer Stonehill, Malcolm Basinger, Phyllis Hardwick, Jo Haller, Beatrice Leiber, Harriet Burkhart, Patricia Schmidt, Mr. Howe.

Burkhart, Patricia Schmidt, Mr. Howe.

Second Row—Paul Don Bixel, Jane Risser, Joan Clark, Almeda Fenn, Carolyn Steiner, Mary K.

Bauman, Imogene Wenger, Robert Neuenschwander, Marilyn Fett, Eleanor Linden, Ferol Althaus.

First Row—David Stearns, Margaret Diller, Louise Soldner, Paul Steiner, Anne McGinnis, Betty Bixel, Alice Ruth Pannabecker, Joanne Buhler.

NEWS

"Cutlass!" This word to any B. H. S. student immediately suggests our school newspaper.

However, to an outsider, this word means merely what the dictionary describes—a short, broad sword, with one cutting edge, used by seamen. (Presumably Pirate seamen). Thus we discover the origin of the "Cutlass". It is standard "Pirate" equipment.

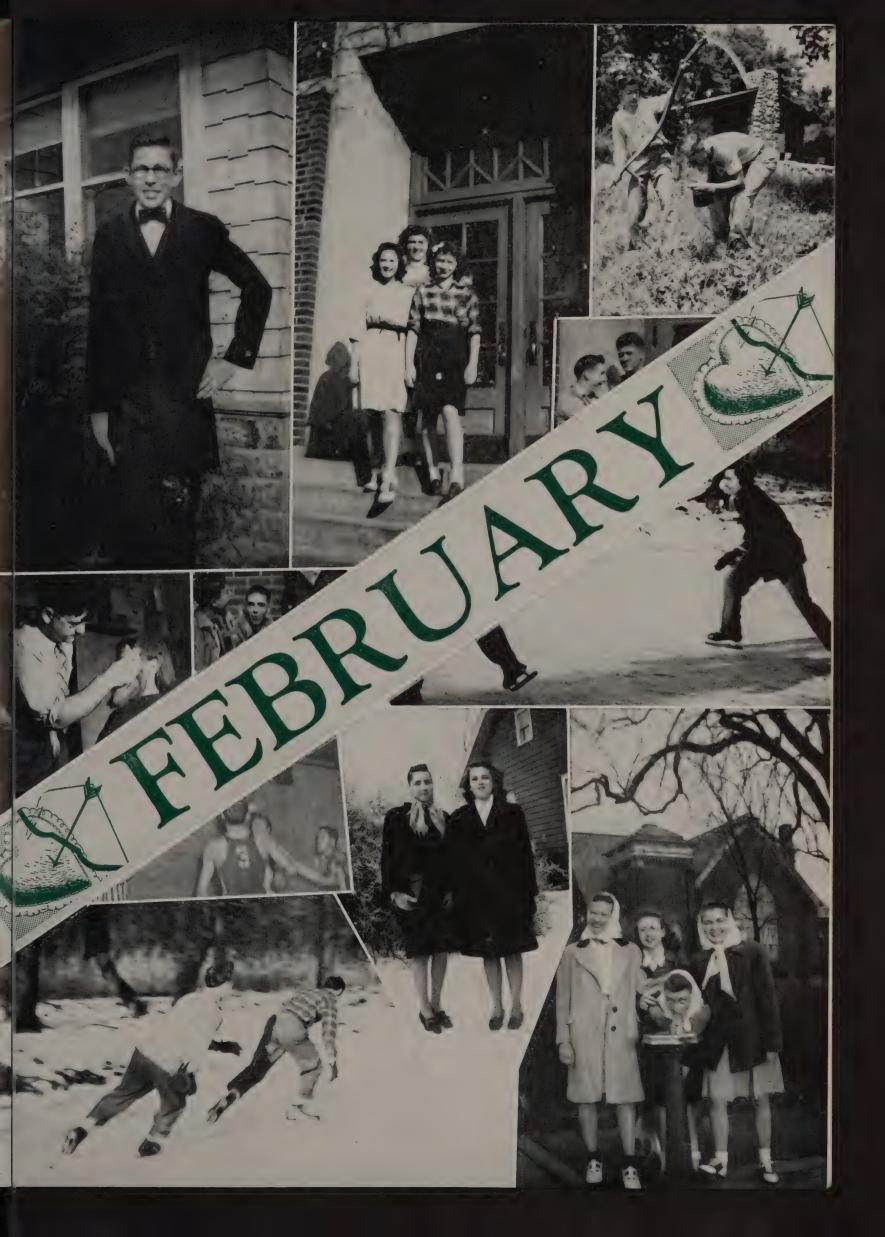
So instead of a shining saber we visualize a small printed sheet. **The Cutlass!** We see each reporter securing information, writing and rewriting his article, trying to utilize his knowledge of correct journalistic style. Then the editorial staff, correcting, rewriting copy, writing heads, and on the big day at the print shop, we see them proof reading, setting up the type, and then to press!

The paper arrives at school and the rush is on. First quickly scan the Brown Jug, Bedda Bopper, Sports, then Senior Sketches, Inquisitive Scribe, Music, Clubs, Library, Features and Editorials. Then start all over and this time not overlooking a fragment.

The staff learns writing and editing, the unbiased opinion of the student body is expressed; higher standards of conduct, scholarship and sportsmanship are established; cooperation between students and administration is made stronger. All this is accomplished through our school paper, The Cutlass.

EDITOR-IN-CHIEF, Anne McGinnis

ASSISTANT EDITOR, Paul Steiner





FEBRUARY

- 1 Game, Ada, there. Absolutely thrilling. We won two games—junior high.
- 5 Game, Columbus Grove, real toughies.
- 8 Game, Van Wert, there. Nice gym, didn't notice the game much.
- 12 High School Party. The girls wore flowers. Sooey found one. A red head.
- 15 Game, Wapak, here. Our last home game. Went down to view the remains which was a very sad sight.
- 18 Tournament, played Hicksville which was really quite hicky.
- 20 Tournament, finished off by Lima St. Johns.
- 21 Assembly. Since when, did the boys join G. R.?
- 22 Washington's Birthday. Maybe if he hadn't cut down the cherry tree, we might not have gotten out of school Friday. Honesty always pays.
- 27 G. R. Hi-Y Hobo Party. Hi-Y guys a regular lot of bums. Honest I didn't mean it.
- End of Month. Forgot all about Valentine's day. Not as sentimental as we used to be. Now can we laugh?



THESPIAN TROUPE 169



Fourth Row—Harry Klay, Phyllis Hardwick, James Harmon, Anne McGinnis, Leonard Smucker, Mary Jane Garmatter, Charles Stonehill.

Third Row—Ferol Althaus, Robert Ramseyer, Louise Soldner, Paul Steiner, Margaret Diller, David Stearns, Mary Louise Dean.

Second Row—Mary Kathryn Bauman, Malcolm Basinger, Joanne Buhler, Don Fritche, Phyllis Marquart, Richard Minck, June Hauenstein.

First Row—Eleanor Linden, Joanne Burkholder, Peggy Martin, Jean Anne Burcky, Imogene Wenger, Betty Bixel, Paul Don Bixel.



Bluffton's Thespian Troupe 169 has been quite active this year. The organization does not hold meetings outside of school hours, but plays and Prince of Peace Declamations are carried on in school. Juniors and Seniors belong to this club.

The troupe was hard hit by a flu epidemic as we were about to give the Christmas plays to the various clubs of the community. The play "A Sign Unto You" was given six times and "The Stranger" was given two times. Christmas and Thanksgiving plays were written by the students and were presented in assemblies. For a class play the Juniors gave "Best Foot Forward" and the Seniors presented "Papa Is All."

There were a large number of Prince of Peace Declamations presented this year. The winners went to the county contest. They are as follows: June Hauenstein, Elmer Stonehill, Eleanor Linden, Mary K. Bauman, Joan Clark. From this county contest Mary K. Bauman and Catherine Bohn went to the District contest.

GIRL RESERVES



Fourth Row—Peggy Martin, Wilma Geiger, Mary Jane Garmatter, Pauline Pursell, Mary Ann Smucker, Harriet Burkhart, Margaret Groman, Patricia Huber, Joanne Harmon, Louise Soldner, Joan Clark, Mary Jane Burkholder, Maxine

Criblez, Catherine Bohn, Sara Jane Huser.
Third Row—Betty Bixel, Lois Harris, Betty Roush, Dorothy Lugibihl, Dora Lugibihl,

June Sechler, Joan Burkholder, Lois Hauenstein, Imogene Wenger, Almeda Fenn, Bonnie Grismore, Wanda Tschiegg.

Second Row—Sara Mae Oberly, Ferol Althaus, Harriet Amstutz, Marilyn Stratton, Mary K. Bauman, Marilyn Fett, Jean Burkholder, Wanda Neiswander, Peggy Eckenwiler, Esther Luginbihl, Wanda Lehman, Norma Klapp.

First Row—Phyllis Hardwick, Joanne Buhler, Alice Ruth Pannabecker, Helen Burkholder, Mary Louise Dean, Anne McGinnis, Eleanor Linden, Jean Anne Burcky, Phyllis Marquart, Margaret Diller.

G. R.

Breadth of vision, uniting girls for helpfulness and service and developing a new vision of Christ is as important to a girl as her regular school curriculum.

Last summer five members of the cabinet were fortunate to attend Camp Pittenger where they spent an interesting and constructive week.

This fall a Girl Reserve District Conference was held with the help of the Women's Council and the college Y. W. C. A. This made us realize more fully that we are a small cog in a national organization.

Together with H.E.R. we sponsored a Halloween Carnival. We had joint meetings with our little sisters, the Blue Triangle, and our brothers, the Hi-Y, and our big sister, the college Y. W. C. A. A high school party was sponsored by the Palette Club and the G. R. In the spring we had a Mother-Daughter banquet.

Some of our more outstanding meetings were the impressive installation service, the helpful meeting on vocations, a panel discussion of world events, and a talk by an army nurse and our chapel and church services.

The officers for the year were as follows:

President—Mary Louise Dean Vice-President—Helen Burkholder Secretary—Anne McGinnis Treasurer—Alice Pannabecker

Advisor—Miss Mildred Keel

BLUE TRIANGLE

Blue Triangle is a sister organization of the G. R. Its aims are to learn the three sides of the triangle and their meaning. The three sides of the triangle are the physical, mental, and spiritual sides of life. It prepares the girls for becoming G. R. members.

Blue Triangle has twenty-five members this year. These members are from the Seventh, Eighth, and Ninth Grades.

Blue Triangle has various programs planned for the year. Some of these programs are: stunt night, seeing Dr. Travis's collection of trains, games in the gym, parties, and also many other things.

This year the Blue Triangle has visited Mrs. Basinger's house to see her doll collection which was very interesting. They have had hikes, parties, Recognition Service, and they were also invited by the G. R. for a joint meeting.

Blue Triangle would like to have many more members, so if you are in the Seventh, Eighth, or Ninth Grades and do not belong to Blue Triangle, the Blue Triangle would be glad to have you as one of its members.





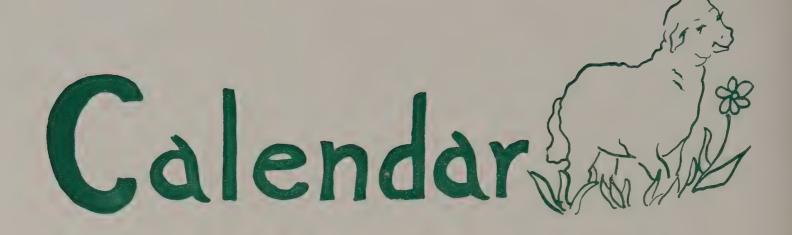
Third Row—Ada Mae Oyer, Marlene Berry, Maryln Holtkamp, Eileen Mathewson, Jo Haller, Dorothy Lee Hardwick, Jane Risser. Second Row—Louise Ann Reichenbach, Colletta Badertscher, Kay Berry, Janette

Finton, Beatrice Leiber, Dorothy Rae Amstutz, Nancy Frankhauser.

First Row—Carol Sechler, Margaret Stratton, Carolyn Matter, Ann Basinger, Carolyn Steiner, Genevieve Burkholder, Susanna Kempf, Dorothy Leiber, Raelene Campbell, Mary Jean Ramseyer.







MARCH

- 4 Junior Party. Wilch and Wenger have quite a monopoly. They didn't hear of the Sherman Anti-trust law.
- 9 Senior Scholarship. Put a bright gleam in our eyes and added spectacles and they passed us on through. Boy! are they morons.
- 12 Band Concert. Listened to that sweet and mellow music of the local brass section. Hitting it "reeal" hot.
- 15 High School Party. Ides of March. Heaven forbid won't Clark ever get that man.
- 19 Roman Banquet. That so and so toga. Good thing Jim Howe wore his P. J.'s underneath.



- 22 Assembly, that old black magic got in its spell. What that man couldn't do no magician could ever do.
- 31 Area Hi-Y meeting. Getting refined and cultured. After the Hobo party they needed it.

ORCHESTRA

BELLS AND CYMBALS—Sara Jane Huser. FLUTE—Paul Don Bixel, Lyman Hofstetter. CELLO—John Bauman, Nancy Frankhouser. DRUM—James Harmon. BASSOON—Malcolm Basinger. CORNET—Leonard Smucker, Ray Follas, Allen Tschiegg. CLARINET—Robert Ramseyer, Stanley Bohn, Joanne Buhler, Donald Herr, Catherine Bohn. TROM-BONE—Harriet Amstutz. VIOLIN—Rosella Moser, Dorothy Amstutz, Dorothy Hardwick, Mary L. Dean, Louise Soldner, Marilyn Stratton, Jean Burkholder, Betty Bixel, Joan Clark, Mary Ann Smucker, Mary K. Bauman. VIOLA—Helen Burkholder, Marlene Berry, Kay Berry, Imogene Wenger. BASS—Harriet Burkhart, Ada Mae Oyer. OBOE—Eleanor Linden. FRENCH HORN—Alice R. Pannabecker, Addison Myers.



Third Row—Sara Jane Huser, Paul Don Bixel, John Bauman, James Harmon, Malcolm Basinger, Leonard Smucker, Robert Ramseyer, Harriet Amstutz, Rosella Moser.

Second Row—Harriet Burkhart, Stanley Bohn, Joanne Buhler, Dorothy Amstutz, Dorothy Hardwick, Helen Burkholder, Mary Lou Dean, Louise Soldner, Marlene Berry, Marilyn Stratton, Jean Burkholder, Kay Berry, Nancy Frankhouser, Ada Mae Oyer.

First Row—Ray Follas, Allen Tschiegg, Addison, Myers, Lyman Hofstetter, Donald Herr, Catherine Bohn, Eleanor Linden, Imogene Wenger, Mary K. Bauman, Betty Bixel, Joan Clark, Mary Ann Smucker, Alice Ruth Pannabecker.

The orchestra has always been considered as an essential organization in the music department of Bluffton High School. This year the orchestra was under the direction of Mr. Carl Twining, a resident of Findlay.

Our orchestra is one of the best in Northwestern Ohio for a town of this size.

The members of the orchestra were fortunate in again attending the State Contest this year. Also representatives participated in the All State Orchestra in Cleveland, held March 30.

A few of the numbers which were especially emphasized in the past year were, Second Hungarian Rhapsody, William Tell, Norma, Dream Pantomime, Triumphal March and other lighter numbers.

Those in the orchestra wish to thank Mr. Twining for his effort in helping to make the past year so enjoyable.

GIRLS' GLEE CLUB



Third Row—Harriet Amstutz, Alice Ruth Pannabecker, Harriet Burkhart, Mary Jane Burkholder, Dora Luginbuhl, Mary Ann Smucker, Louise Soldner, Phyllis Hardwick, Margaret Diller, Marjorie Klay, Joanne Buhler, Joanne Harman, Pauline Pursell, Catherine Bohn, Darlyn Garmatter, Beatrice Leiber, Colletta Badertscher, Lois Marquart, Treva Althaus.

Second Row—Phyllis Marquart, Jean Burkholder, Sara Jane Huser, Helen Burkholder, Helen Bauman, Wanda Tschiegg, Anne McGinnis, Joanne Clark, Maxine Criblez, Marilyn Fett, Mary Schmidt, June Hauenstein, Imogene Wenger, Wanda Lehman, Ferol Althaus.

First Row—Sara Oberly, Peggy Echenwiler, Esther Lugibihl, Eleanor Linden, Lois Hauenstein, Wanda Niswander, Norma Klapp, Joan Burkholder, Bonnie Grismore, Miss Harriet Brate, Jean Anne Burcky, Betty Bixel, Jeanette Finton, Marilyn Stratton, Anita Althaus, Mary K. Bauman, Susanna Kempf.

The blending together of girls' voices to get a beautiful harmony in song, is one of the touches that helped to make our school more artistic. With the untiring efforts of Miss Brate, the director, this was accomplished.

"Rain" by Curran, "I Wonder as I Wander" arranged by Niles, and "River, River" arranged by Voltai, were only a few of the songs that they worked on.

Clokey's music has been very popular with the girls and his "Night Song" was used as a girls trio contest number. The Girl's and Boy's Glee Clubs combined to give Clokey's Christmas Cantata "Christ Is Born." The girls learned the "Audrean Lullaby," also by Clokey.

Because of the Music contests that were held this spring, no operetta was given. "Celtic Lullaby" by Roberton and "Where E'er You Walk" by Handel were the two choir contest numbers

A Local Elimination Contest, was held to promote solo and small ensemble work.

The girls have proved to the school body, their musical talents by taking part in assemblies. They have had a very successful year.

President—Phyllis Hardwick

Vice-President—Louise Soldner

BOYS' GLEE CLUB



Third Row—Lyman Hofstetter, Samuel Buhler, Stanley Bohn, Malcolm Basinger, James Howe, James Messinger, Ronald Diller, Elmer Stonehill, John Althaus.

Second Row—Paul Don Bixel, Donald Herr, James Harmon, Keith Brauen, Eldon Beery, Kenneth Bracy, John Lugibihl, Paul Steiner.

First Row—Miss Brate, William Burcky, Addison Myers, Allen Tschiegg, Robert Niswander, Ray Follas, Ralph Dunifon, Harry Burkholder, Dean Sommer, Roger Linden, Mary K. Bauman.

There have been several new members added to the Boys Glee Club this year. This is due to increased sacrifices in schedules, so that it could be made possible.

During the year they participated in four concerts with the girls glee club, band and orchestra. At the Farmers Institute session they sang two songs "Robin Hood" an English folk song and "Poor Mourner" an arousing Negro spiritual. At Christmas time they participated in giving the Cantata "Christ Is Born." They also gave two special numbers "Cape Cod Shanty" and "Oh My Lord What Shall I Do?" in a February assembly.

The boys gave a preliminary hearing March 21 for the contest at Bowling Green. The songs used in the competition were "Ride Out on Wings of Song" by Howly and "All in the April Evening" by Roberton.

They have worked hard this year on a new song called "Shadrack" by Mac Gimsy which is a rhythmic Negro spiritual. They have not completely memorized this song this year, so it will be a good number to look forward to next year.

President—Paul Steiner

Vice-President—Ray Follas

HIGH SCHOOL BAND



PERSONNEL

CLARINET—Catherine Bohn, Donald Herr, Margaret Stratton, Ruth A. Lee, June Habegger, Jane Risser, Eileen Brauen, Mary J. Ramseyer, Robert Ramseyer, Lynn Carmack, Joanne Buhler, Mary L. Balmer, Roderick Balmer. FLUTE-Lyman Hostettler, Paul D. Bixel, Gene Hankish. CORNET—Beatrice Leiber, Roger Lehman, Richard Steiner, Louise Reichenbach. TROMBONE—Harriet Amstutz, Harold Hartman, Dorothy Leiber, Betty Bixel. FRENCH HORN—Alice R. Pannabecker, Addison Myers, James Ew-TUBA—Robert Coon. BARITONE—Paul Steiner. DRUM—James Harmon, David Stearns, Theodore Kohli, George Grismore. CYMBALS—Donald H. Burkholder. BAS-SOON-Malcolm Basinger. TRUMPET-Ceacle Potee, Leonard Smucker, Allen Tschiegg, Ray Follas, Allison Neuenschwander. BASS HORN-Don Schmidt. BELLS-Sara Jane Huser.

Very essential to any high school is its band. Without it, the high school would lose much of its pep and color. Our band has been very active this school year under the excellent leadership of Mr. Carl Twining.

Though rehearsals were held just once a week, much was accomplished in a short period. Besides playing for home football and basketball games, it gave a Christmas concert, an assembly program, a spring concert, and a concert with the Findlay Legion Band for the purpose of raising money for uniforms. Donations from other numerous organizations were also received for this purpose. The band will make their first appearance in new uniforms on Decoration Day.

A pep meeting wouldn't be complete if it weren't for a band to help enliven the students' spirit and this year the band has learned several new peppy marches.

The band has increased its membership to 40 members this year, each contributing his talent to make it the success it has been.

SCHOOL PATROL

This year, as before, a Student Patrol was chosen by the Student Sennate and approved by the Faculty, to promote safety in Bluffton High School. It was first organized in Nineteen hundred and thirty-five.

A State Patrolman from Findlay spoke to the student body in an assembly program on safety and juvenile delinquency. At the close of the assembly he presented badges to the student patrolmen installing them officially as High School Patrols.

Some of the duties of the patrol are ushering at pep meetings and assemblies, taking care of hall lights, passing out programs at games and directing students during fire drills. The Patrol has not taken care of the hall discipline this year; this is done by the Faculty.

The student body has co-operated very well with the student patrol. May our attitude continue this next year to make our school discipline much improved and help the patrol.



Helen Burkholder, Phyllis Hardwick, Elmer Stonehill, John Althaus, Alice Ruth Pannabecker.



(Extreme Left) Mrs. Wesley Eversole.

CAFETERIA DIRECTOR



Charles Fenton, Wesley Eversole, Harry Gratz.

CUSTODIANS

BUS DRIVERS



Aaron Messinger, Henry Grimm, Eldon Beery, David Rosenberger.





APRIL

- 1 Arnold's Barn Yard Frolic. Was somebody born in the barn? Please bring on the disinfectant.
- 10 Mama and Daughter Banquet put on by the G. R. Mama looked so cute rolling the spaghetti on her tongue.
- 12 District Scholarship Test. Never get through with tests. Do they have to know how ignorant we aren't?
- 26 Music Contest. 'Twas all instrumental. Follas showed them that he could blow the loudest. Mary K. has to get a new hearing aid.
- Went through the same procedure as day before. Spike got his trombone twisted around his neck. How on earth did he get that way?

End of another month. April showers bring May flowers. Mnnnnnnnn.



NATIONAL HONOR SOCIETY



Elmer Stonehill, Mary L. Dean, Paul Steiner, Gerhard Buhler, David Stearns, Kenneth Moser, Robert Ramseyer.



The National Honor Society Chapter in Bluffton was first organized in 1935 under the direction of Mr. Buhler. It was omitted from the school curriculum during 1943-44 but has been returned during the last two years. The establishment of it is for the intention of stimulating scholarship in all secondary schools in the United States. The Society has four main objectives: to create an enthusiasm for superior scholarship, to stimulate a desire to serve faithfully one's school and community, to promote trustworthy leadership and loyal pupil citizenship, and to develop exemplary qualities of character in the pupils of American Schools.

The selection of members is limited to not more than fifteen per cent of the Senior Class each year and not more than five per cent of the Junior Class during the last semester of the Junior year. The selections this year were based on the ratings of the faculty members according to scholarship, service, leadership, and character. Candidates eligible for this chapter must have a B or better grade average.

ELEMENTARY







FIRST GRADE

Fourth Row—Margie Gerber, Ronald Geiser, Donald Koch, Ronald Hahn, Miss Meredith Stepleton, Mary Lanning, Viola Moser, Michael Kerwin, Claire Lee Fenn.

Third Row—Nan Schmidt, Patricia Clever, Janet Niswander, Mary Jo Diller, Gary Lora, Freda Jean Fisher, Gareth Basinger, Jane Badertscher.

Second Row—Sandra Lanham, Martha Koontz, Judith Tschantz, Nancy Steiner, Bruce Triplett, Donald Alspach, Marvin Diller, Larry Moser, Billy Herr.

First Row—Eva Ann Galloway, David Shumaker, Christine Geiger, Edward Niswander, Ruth Augsburger, Jerry Edinger, Paul Allen Jorg, Jerry Kohli. Richard Younkman is not in the picture.

FIRST and SECOND "A" GRADES

Third Row—John Murray, Jeannine Benroth, Robert Amstutz, Robert Green, John Hartman, Donald Badertscher, Wade Moser, Norma Frankhouser, Mrs. Ruby Murray.

Second Row—Kenneth Trabert, Ned Althaus, Judith Schiffke, Jacqueline Berry, Charles Kirtland, Kay Clauss, Dan Gleason, Jan Conrad, Joyce Ann Troy.

First Row — Dwain Leiber, Marjory Lehman, Robert Badertscher, Richard Basinger, Arlene Balmer, Sonia Rempel, Mary Baumgartner, Alvin Scheele.

SECOND "B" GRADE

Fourth Row—Robert Derringer, Brett Triplett, Russell Scoles, Frank Chamberlain, Raymond Cummins, Miss Floy McBain, Dale Schmutz, Ronald Lora, Doris Risser, Marlin Amstutz.

Third Row—Karen Zimmerman, Jo Ann Niswander, Shirley Galloway, Annabelle Amstutz, Rebecca Frankhauser, Carol Ann Mathewson, Dale Hochstettler, Lora Triplehorn.

Second Row—Sally Reichenbach, June Lanning, Ann Hilty, James Nonnamaker, Darlene Bechtel, James Berry, Allen Spence, Rachel Garmatter, Dorothy Herr, Carol Jean Kertland.

First Row—James Triplehorn, Sherry Zimmerman, Barry Corson, Jean Ann Frick, Jean Kempf, Sharon Wahlie, James Laycock, Denise Badertscher, Roger May.

GRADES

THIRD GRADE

Fourth Row—Anita Klassen, Roger Reichenbach, John Allen Esau, Jackie Fields, Elverta Scheele, Marie Moser, Nora Preto, Rex Aukerman, Junior Zimmerly.

Third Row—Wilma Jean Jorg, Sallyann Hilty, Dawn Triplehorn, Janet Criblez, Patricia Gaiffe, Joyce Diller, Gerald Yoakam, Sue Montgomery, Dean Badertscher.

Second Row—Janice Skidmore, Loretta Nonnamaker, James Matter, James Honken, Joann Hursey, Robert Steiner, Lois Amstutz, Ralf Steiner, Barbara Shumaker.

First Row—Mary Ann Badertscher, Paul Fritchie, Ellen Rae Balmer, Frederick DeVore, Dorothy Stratton, Jane Fisher, David Steiner, Saundra Berry. Miss Levada Balmer.

FOURTH GRADE

Fourth Row—Shirley Weyer, Roberta Basinger, Ralph Molder, Shirl Basinger, Marl Watkins, Dan Purdy, John Badertscher, Gertrude Gunther.

Third Row—Bill Ramseyer, Norman Younkman, Janice Diller, Lois Elliott, Frederick Basinger, Daryle Badertscher, Frederick Amstutz, Donavin Geiger, Miss Minerva Hilty.

Second Row--Yvanne Rupright, Anne Thomas, Jeanette Basinger, David Tschiegg, Eddie Reichenbach, Karen Sue Augsburger, Sandra Liles, Doneta Kay Amstutz, Vonda Burkholder.

First Row—Doris Jean Basinger, Harriet Badertscher, Esther Kay Mathewson, Lois Lauby, Wade Lehman, Arlene Campbell, Esther Louise Hofstetter, Lou Moser, Carolyn Shafer.

Frederick Henry not in the picture.

FIFTH GRADE

Fourth Row--John Koch, Janice Diller, Theodosia Hartzler, Elise Chamberlain, Sheila Burkholder, Caryl Maxon, Jeanne Amstutz, Ruth Nonnamaker, Richard Stager, David Burkholder, James Green.

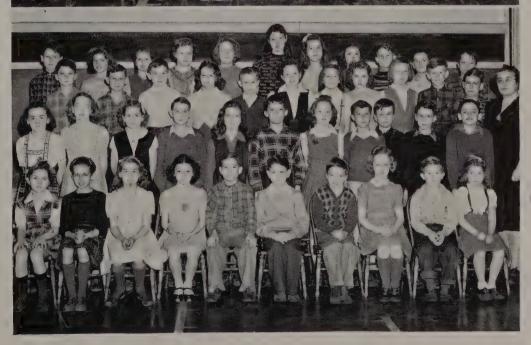
Third Row—Thomas Bucher, Richard Benroth, David Honken, Eleanor Bohn, Evan Lehman, Janice Henry, Dolores Hauenstein, Colleen Cummins, Nedra Lanham, Billy Montgomery, LaVerne Moser, Mrs. Oyer.

Second Row—Shirley Derringer, Emma Schmutz, Joan Moser, Don Badertscher, Sue Risser, Karl Klassen, Kaye Matter, Robert Leiber, Gene Wells, David Gerber, David Beery.

First Row—Carol Carmack, Sue Conaway, Mary Lou Lewis, Sharon Fritchie, Robert Mathewson, Rodney Jennings, James Edinger, Joan Follas, Billy Shumaker, Betty May.







SIXTH GRADE



Fourth Row—Charles Hilty, Charles Bucher, Samuel Diller, Boyd Watkins, Vida Diller, Janet Althaus, John Schmutz.

Third Row—Bruce Hauenstein, Burdette Augsburger, Doris Berryhill, Barbara Burkholder, Donald Leiber, Gene Badertscher, Wilbur Bracy, Larry Zimmerly, Miss Theola Steiner.

Second Row—Arley Criblez, Don Triplehorn, Charlene Gleason, Harold Hartzler, Nancy Steinman, Robert Wenger, Joseph Smucker, Paul Baumgartner, Mrs. Mabel Lantz.

First Row—Barbara Diller, Mary Lauby, Dean Amstutz, Marilyn Oberly, June Hochstettler, Joan Gratz, Frederick Habegger, Richard Patterson, David Bixel.

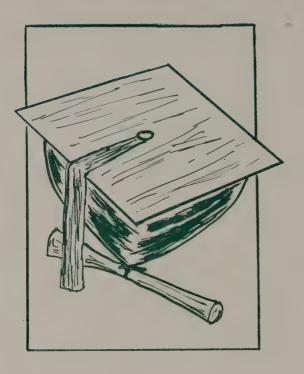
The Bluffton Grade School is one of the oldest institutions in the community. At present it houses a private kindergarten and the first six grades. The enrollment is 250 with six full-time and two half-time teachers.

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The students are members of the Junior Red Cross. The past year they have contributed money for war relief, Christmas T. B. Campaign, March of Dimes and have given gifts of food to our local hospital, and seeds, soap, school supplies and various other articles for foreign countries.





CALENDAR

- 3 Junior-Senior Prom. Lush! Last thing in proms. Oogle, oogle, what a luscious dress you have and all that. Jim Harmon gazing in wonder at the drummer.
- 4 Scholarship Contest. And the morning after the prom how can they do that to us. Nobody came in this morning till at least three and here we have to take a P. D. Q. test. Figure that one out yourself.
- 8 May Breakfast put on by the G. R.'s. Simply can't stand these early morning affairs. Drooped in last minute with a sloopy droop look all over me.
- 19 Baccalaureate. Ah so sad. Just couldn't keep that darn hat on the noggin. Oh well what's a little dirt.
- 20 "Papa is All." The wonderful, magnificent superfluous, magnanimous, colossal, and etc. some more and you'll have the description of the Senior play.
- 21 We wowed them again with the wonderful play! (Senior writing this)
- 23 Commencement. At last the paper in the hand. Wonder if it was worth the effort. They say a bird in the hand is worth two in a nest. Could be.
- 24 Alumnae Banquet. Just a day more and we are Alumnae. Sure felt like a kid with all the oldies around. Graduate of '85 saying, why I knew you when you were just knee high to a grasshopper. Ugh!

End of month and the end of another happy school year. Sure you could just about scream at times, but wasn't it worth something?

SENIORS







HUGH HILTY

"Sooey"

HAROLD HARTMAN

"Spike"

ELMER STONEHILL

"Sinny"

1941—After running through the halls for about a week in a rather dazed fashion, we seventh graders soon became adjusted to the routine of the high school.

Kenneth Moser, President and David Stearns, Vice President, led us through a year full of parties. Oh yes, we were really going strong in those days. What we mean is that there were quite a number of "puppy love" affairs.

We hope we didn't let the school down, because they said we would keep the school full-of-pep.



KARL BASINGER



LOUISE SOLDNER





LEONARD SMUCKER DOROTHY LUGIBIHL

"Gropher"

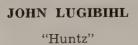
"Soder"

"Smoky"

"Dot"

SENIORS







MARGARET GROMAN
"Margie"



MARY JANE GARMATTER "Majane"



JAMES HARMON
"Harmone"

1942—To keep the pep that we had in the seventh grade Elmer Stonehill our President gave us all the parties we could have. He was assisted by Hubert Basinger, Vice President, and Marion Criblez, Secretary and Treasurer.

We put on a noon movie to get money to pay for our social science work books. We made a profit of \$6.25, so then we planned a spring picnic.

We find that Ray Follas could play the trumpet so well that he was in the senior orchestra, and Elmer Stonehill was one of our active cheer leaders. Just think, only eighth graders.



DALE BERRYHILL

"Bebe"



FEROL ALTHAUS

"Feah"



CHARLES STONEHILL

"Looney"



RAY FOLLAS

"Ray"

CLASS OF 1946



DONIVAN AUGSBURGER "Don"



ROBERT RAMSEYER



PATRICIA HUBER



ROBERT STALTER

"Ram"

"Pat"

"Seeky"

1943—Some people thought we were green Freshies, but we really made a good name for ourselves along with the help of our class officers, Phyllis Marquart, President; Robert Ramseyer, Vice-President; and Phyllis Hardwick, Secretary-Treasurer. Our big event of the year was a hay ride supervised by Mr. Stettler.

We were quite active in athletics, especially the boys, who played basketball and football. One of the active cheerleaders was none other than a lad from our class. You see from this review we surely shouldn't have been called "Green Freshies."



PAUL STEINER

"Andrew"



KENNETH MOSER

"Minney"



JUNE HAUENSTEIN

"Jenny"



DAVID FRICK

"Frickie"

SENIORS



ROBERT LEE "Sleepy"



MARY LOUISE DEAN "Windy"



ANN McGINNIS "Skinny"



ARTHUR HILTY

"Art"

1944-Nineteen Hundred and Forty-Four brings us all the way of being Sophomores. This year we had a number of classmates on the Junior Honor Society. Now that we are getting more mature we are participating in more of the organizations of the school. We also showed great possibilities by taking part in band, orchestra, and Glee Club. Leonard Smucker, President; Robert Lee, Vice-President; and Harold Hartman, Secretary-Treasurer; led us through this successful year. From this, it is very evident that we proved to be a great asset in Bluffton High School.



DAVID STEARNS



PHYLLIS MARQUART MARGARET DILLER





RICHARD MINCK

"Guernsey"

"Phyl"

"Peg"

"Rich"

CLASS OF 1946



MARION CRIBLEZ
"Corncrib"



JOHN BRACY
"Sambo"



PHYLLIS HARDWICK HARRY BURKHOLDER

"Phyl"

"Civie"

The highlights of our Junior year were: getting our class rings, giving our Junior play, "Don't Take My Penny," and last but not least getting plans ready for the Junior-Senior spring prom, the theme was "Moonlight and Roses."

We also shone in sports. Besides the boys playing in basketball, football, and baseball, the girls were in G. A. A.

In the social line, the boys belong to F. F. A. and Hi-Y. The girls G. R., H. E. R., and G. A. A. They also found time to help with High School parties.

Louise Soldner, President, assisted by Hugh Hilty, Vice-President, and Kenneth Moser, Secretary and Treasurer, did a swell job in our Junior year.



HARRY KLAY

"Cut"



FRIEDA MARTIN

"George



CHARLES SWANK

"Squirrley"



HELEN BAUMAN

"Helen"

SENIORS



ALLISON NEUENSCHWANDER



WILMA GEIGER
"Willie"



HUBERT BASINGER



LOIS HARRIS

"Cuby"

"Mousey"

1946—We have finally arrived at our last year in High School with still the same old pep, well almost the same. We are naturally a little worn out, especially to see those little seventh graders flying around, how do they do it?

We have been led through a successful year of fun and studies, by our President, Harold Hartman; Vice President, Hugh Hilty; and Secretary and Treasurer, Elmer Stonehill.

By now quite a few of the fellows have left our class to help Uncle Sam. We miss them because they have been with us ever since the first grade.

Second Row—Richard Newland, Gus Basinger, Jr., Robert Stalter.
First Row—Donald Root, Harold Core, Harold Amstutz, Harvey Moser, Jr.



SENIOR CLASS PLAY



Standing—Helen Bauman, Elmer Stonhill, Leonard Smucker, Louise Soldner, Margaret Diller, Donivan Augsburger, Mary L. Dean.
Sitting—Mary Jane Garmatter, Harry Klay.

"Papa Is All" is the story of a Pennsylvania Dutch mother, daughter, and son who rebel against a tyrannical father.

Mama and Papa Aukamp are of the Amish religion; the son and daughter exercising the privilege that is part of the Amish faith, have not adopted it. They remain in local parlance, "worldly," until they feel the call to become "plain," or Amish.

Papa misuses the Amish tradition for purposes of his own, suppressing, in the name of religion, the simple pleasures and recreations of everyday life to which mama, an authentic Amish, has no objection. Emma, the daughter is in love with a surveyor who wants to marry her. The son, Jake, has a knack for mechanics, and wants to simplify farm life by the installation of machinery. Mama, though resigned to accepting Papa's word as divinely sanctioned law, is wistful for the friendly association with neighbors that is a normal part of even the most orthodox Amish life.

Papa opposes them, and keeps them in strict isolation, chiefly because Emma and Jake are good workers whom he would have to replace with hired help if they made their way into the broader activities of the world.

The cast is as follows:	llows:	
Papa Aukamp		Harry Klay
Mama Aukamp		Mary J. Garmatter
Emma Aukamp	1 7	Margaret Diller
		Louise Soldner
		~ 1 ~ 1
		TT 1 TO
		Mary Lou Dean
	e	Elmer Stonehill

THE BUCCANEER STAFF



Louise Soldner, Elmer Stonehill, Phyllis Hardwick, Phyllis Marquart, Margaret Diller, David Frick.

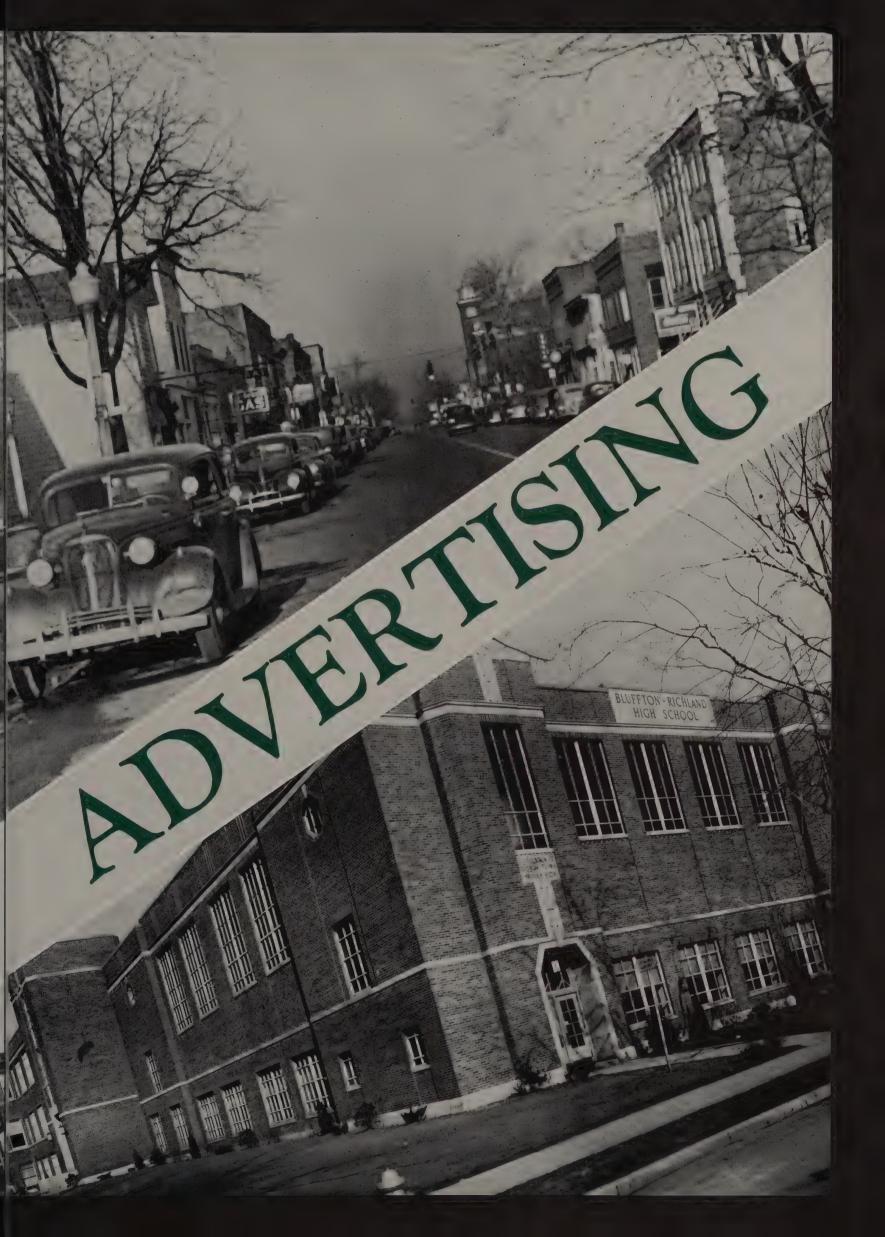
Putting the dummy together, we laughed a lot—with excitement. For it was exciting to see months of ideas planning, and paper work in tangible form ready for the 1946 edition of the Buccaneer.

The Senior class elected Phyllis Marquart to be the Editor-in-Chief and Elmer Stonehill to be the Business Manager.

Margaret Diller was the Assistant Editor and Louise Soldner and Phyllis Hardwick were chosen as staff members. David Frick helped Elmer to collect "ads" and he also became a staff member.

Without all the ideas, advice, and help of Mr. Stauffer, we could never have published this book. Miss Duffield has served very ably as supervisor of typing.

We of the Buccaneer staff wish the best of luck to next year's staff.



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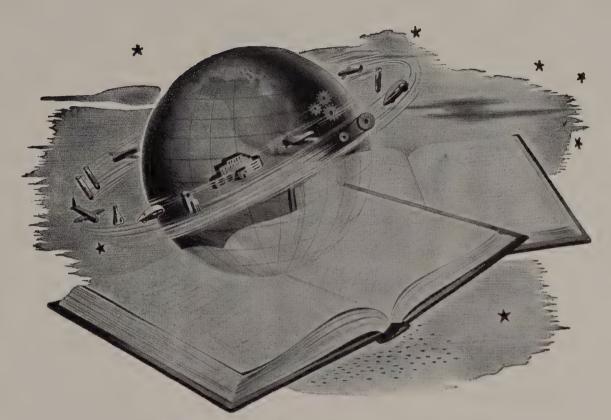
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And that old common arbitrator, Time,
Will one day end it.

—Shakespeare

